Gold and Jewellery confiscated

2185. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state how much gold and jewellery was confiscated from the possession of smugglers who wanted to enter into India by adopting various tactics at airports during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): The total value of gold, including gold jewellery, seized at the international airports in the country during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 is given below:—

Year	Value (Rs. in crores)
1984	6·70
1985	24·53
1986	23·67

Exchange of fire with Pakistani forces

2186. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of incidents of exchange of fire between the Pakistani and Indian security forces along the Indo-Pak border in Jammu and along the actual line of control during 1986-87;

(b) what was the number of casualties on both sides in these exchanges of fire; and

(c) what was number of air violations by Pakistan's aircrafts in the same year on Punjab border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) While there has been no incident of exchange of fire between the Indian and Pakistani security forces along the Indo-Pak border in Jammu during 1986-87, there have been some routine incidents along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir resulting in some casualties on both sides.

It would not be desirable to disclose details.

(c) There has also been a few cases of violation of our airspace by Pakistani aircraft across Punjab border during the same period.

Share of Maharashtra in excise duty on electricity generation

2187. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount collected in Stae of Maharashtra as the Union Excise Duty on electricity during 1979-80 to 1983-84 period from all three sources of electricity generation i.e. Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Tata and Tarapur;

(b) what is the toatl amount paid to Government of Maharashtra as its share during 1979-80 to 1983-84;

(c) whether it is a fact that the total amount paid during this period corresponds only to MSEB and not Tata and Tarapur;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and if not, why the amount given is less;

(e) whether Government of Maharashtra have made any representation in this regard; and

(f) if so, what are the details and the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (f) An amount of Rs. 150.01 crores was collected during 1979-80 to 1983-84 by way of Central Excise Duty on electricity generated in Maharashtra according to the departmental figures collected from the Central Excise Collectorates of Aurangabad, Nagpur,

Pune, Bombay-I, Bombay-II and Thane. As against this share of the Govt. of Maharashtra worked out to Rs. 109.65 crores in accordance with the percentage share prescribed in the Union Duties of Excise (Electricity) Distribution Act, 1980, based on the revised estimates.

Under the above Act, the net proceeds of the Union Duties of Excise on electricity (other than in Union Territories) were required to be distributed among the States as per the percentage shares prescribed in the Act. In accordance with the Rules framed under the these payments were made on a provisional basis subject to final adjustments on the basis of the certified figures of Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The Govt. of Maharashtra have, however, claimed a balance amount of Rs. 38.55 crores, as according to them, the actual collections of duty in that State amounted to Rs. 148.20 crores during 1979-80 to 1983-84 as against Rs. 109.65 crores paid to them. It has not been possible to agree to this claim as neither the Act nor the Rules provide for adjustment of the amount paid to the States in the light of the actual Statewise collections and certified figures of Comptroller and Auditor General of India of Statewise collections are also not available.

Karwar naval project

2188. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2319 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November 1986 and state:

(a) what is the outlay so far incurred on Karwar Naval Project in Karnataka; and

(b) what is the estimated cost of this project, the probable year of its completion and whether the project includes construction of a railway line from Karwar to Hubli in the hinterland and an airport at Karwar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) An expenditure of about Rs. 23 crores has been incurred on the Project so far.

(b) The estimated cost of Phase I of the project is Rs. 350 crores. It is expected to be completed by 1995. The project includes the construction of a Naval airfield. The construction of a railway line is not a part of the project. However, the Railway Board has been approached to examine the alternative approaches of linking Karwar by rail.

Purchase of Frigates by Pakistan from Britain

2189. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will he Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Times of India of the 22nd July, 1987 to the effect that Pakistan is purchasing three type-23 frigates, armed with lethal US made Harpoon missiles and a US Seawolf vertical launch system from Britain;

(b) whether acquisition of these frigates would add tremendous amount of fire power to the Pakistani Navy;

(c) whether it is a fact that with the acquisition of these frigates, Pakistan would have the capability to fire away anti-aircraft and anti-missile defence via the Seawolf battery on board the frigates; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to counter threats to India's security and safeguard its borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Madam.

(d) Government of India keeps all developments having a bearing on the country's security under constant observation and initiates appropriate counter-measures, from time to time, to maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is re-equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.